
U.S. Meat Export Federation

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RESOLUTION #2018-11-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	Nov. 8, 2018
TITLE:	Support for Timely Negotiation of a U.S.-Japan Trade Agreement
WHEREAS,	USMEF supported ratification and implementation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), in large part because of the market access gains for U.S. beef and pork in Japan; and
WHEREAS,	the United States withdrew from TPP in January 2017; and
WHEREAS,	Japan will implement the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) in December 2018 and is expected to implement the Japan- EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) in early 2019; and
WHEREAS,	implementation of CPTPP and the Japan-EU EPA, will put the United States at a tariff disadvantage to its major red meat export competitors in Japan.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	that USMEF, in alignment with the nine sectors of its membership, supports immediate and expeditious engagement and timely conclusion of an agreement with the Japanese government that offers favorable market access terms for U.S. beef and pork.
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RESOLUTION #2015-11-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Beef and Allied Industries Committee and Pork & Allied Industries Committee
DATE:	Nov. 5, 2015
TITLE:	Support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership
WHEREAS,	The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) offers significant tariff relief for U.S. beef and pork entering Japan and Vietnam; and
WHEREAS,	TPP also contains mechanisms for addressing sanitary and phytosanitary issues that will assist the United States in reducing non-tariff trade barriers and achieving reliable market access; and
WHEREAS,	TPP can serve as a template for trade with countries beyond the 12 countries currently participating in TPP; and
WHEREAS,	Failure to ratify TPP could cause the U.S. to face significant disadvantages in key markets, as competitors move forward with trade agreements.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	That USMEF supports ratification and implementation of TPP.
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RESOLUTION #2015-5-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Beef and Allied Industries Committee
DATE:	May 22, 2015
TITLE:	Use of USDA Funding and Checkoff Funding for Market Development Activities in the Republic of Cuba
WHEREAS,	The United States is reestablishing diplomatic relations with the Republic of Cuba and lifting many restrictions on trade and commerce with Cuba; and
WHEREAS,	Some USMEF members have expressed an interest in taking a more active role in promoting U.S. beef, pork and lamb in Cuba; and
WHEREAS,	Several USMEF member organizations support expanded agricultural trade with Cuba; and
WHEREAS,	Currently, USMEF is not allowed to utilize USDA Market Access Program funding, Foreign Market Development funding, Emerging Markets funding or any checkoff funding for conducting research on the Cuban market, attending meetings with regard to trade with Cuba or responding to industry questions or media inquiries regarding Cuba,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	That USMEF encourages those organizations that support expanded trade with Cuba to advocate for the statutory and regulatory changes necessary to allow USDA program funding and checkoff funding to be used, when allowed, for market development activities, including market research and trade education, in the Republic of Cuba.
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RESOLUTION #2013-11-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	Nov. 7, 2013 (amended on May 23, 2014)
TITLE:	A Technology Innovation Stewardship Policy for the U.S. Red Meat Industry
WHEREAS,	The U.S. red meat industry relies on a stream of new production and processing technologies to maintain its competitive position in global markets, and
WHEREAS,	Many of these technologies undergo extensive scientific review, both domestically and globally, to ensure that they are safe and efficacious, and
WHEREAS,	Some technologies that are widely used in the U.S. red meat industry have contributed to disruptions in U.S. exports because they have not been approved and/or accepted in important export markets which apply differing political or scientific standards, and
WHEREAS,	Similar outcomes must be minimized in the future by involving all industry stakeholders in a coordinated approach to introducing future technologies into the U.S. and global markets;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	That the U.S. Meat Export Federation supports the implementation of a technology innovation stewardship process for the U.S. red meat industry that will include the broadest possible participation by industry stakeholders who will work collectively to a) support the introduction of new technologies, b) minimize disruptions in red meat exports, and c) bolster confidence in the safety of new technologies.
AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,	<p>That the U.S. Meat Export Federation supports the creation of a Meat Industry International Stewardship Advisory Council which will, as permitted by law and respecting companies' corporate governance policies, facilitate the implementation of the red meat industry's technology innovation stewardship process by working collaboratively with industry stakeholders and the U.S. and foreign governments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively in key export countries and with global standard-setting bodies (e.g. CODEX, OIE) to maximize global market access through standard recognition or establishment. • Maintain a list of new production and processing technologies that are in the late stages of the U.S. regulatory review process. • Estimate the comprehensive impact for the U.S. red meat industry of adopting these technologies based on an analysis of markets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and launch coordinated stewardship strategies before technologies which have the potential to contribute to disruptions in red meat exports are introduced into the U.S. market. These strategies will seek to a) secure product approvals or the adoption of import MRLs in priority export markets that have functioning regulatory systems, b) maintain access to priority markets that do not have functioning regulatory systems, and c) build confidence in U.S. red meat. • Develop and implement a strategy for establishing a science-based international standard in cases where having an international standard for a new technology would facilitate exports and increase global receptivity to the technology. • Involve stakeholders in the stewardship process. 		
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RESOLUTION #2012-11-2	
SUBMITTED BY:	Executive Committee
DATE:	Nov. 9, 2012
TITLE:	Improved Approach to Meat Market Access Issues
WHEREAS,	The industry can achieve its export potential only by keeping markets open; and
WHEREAS,	The red meat industry relies on the U.S. government to resolve market access issues by constructively engaging its counterparts in importing countries; and
WHEREAS,	Responsibility for agricultural trade is shared by several agencies at USDA and USTR and, at times, this complicates and lengthens the process of resolving red meat market access issues,
WHEREAS,	Scrapie is not considered a zoonotic disease; therefore, edible products exported from scrapie-infected countries, regions or zones should not be restricted,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF and its members support efforts to improve the accountability, efficiency and effectiveness of the U.S. government's system for engaging importing countries to resolve red meat market access issues by enhancing communication and coordination among the agencies with responsibility for agricultural trade.
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RESOLUTION #2007-10-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Beef and Allied Industries Committee
DATE:	Oct. 30, 2007; extended Nov. 9, 2012
TITLE:	Returning to Commercially Viable Beef Trade
WHEREAS,	The U.S. Beef Industry produces safe and wholesome beef products for its global consumers; and
WHEREAS,	The U.S. Beef Industry is adversely impacted economically by trade disruption; and
WHEREAS,	The U.S. Beef Industry is committed to compliance with trade terms; and
WHEREAS,	The current terms of trade regarding product tolerances are onerous, unduly difficult to comply with and the primary reason for trade disruption,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	That USMEF support industry partners, and work with government agencies to enact changes to trade terms and protocol that will allow commercially viable trade to occur as soon as possible; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,	That USMEF provides industry partners with updates on potential improvements to agreements/protocol; works closely with exporters and industry partners to ensure that the actual terms of trade meet industry expectations; and provides recommendations back to industry whenever necessary.
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RESOLUTION #2002-11-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	Nov. 8, 2002; extended Oct. 31, 2007; revised Nov. 9, 2012
TITLE:	USDA Personnel in Foreign Regions
WHEREAS,	In many international markets there is confusion and misinterpretation of USDA regulations as they apply to specific country requirements; and
WHEREAS,	Current USDA resources are not able to thoroughly assist in minimizing the confusion or misinterpretation of USDA regulations and assist with regulatory, technical and food safety issues as they apply to an international market,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF encourages USDA to establish a technical veterinary team available to travel to foreign regions to assist the governments of U.S. trading partners in understanding USDA regulations and assist in resolving regulatory, technical and food safety issues.
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RESOLUTION #2012-5-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	May 25, 2012
TITLE:	Codex Alimentarius Commission
WHEREAS,	The U.S. beef, pork and lamb industries recognize the importance of and fully support science as the basis for decision-making in the Codex Alimentarius and the deliberations and recommendations of its committees, such as the Codex Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CCRVDF); and
WHEREAS,	The existence of a strong Codex organization which establishes sound, internationally recognized science-based standards for human health as the basis for trade in food and agricultural is essential to the rational development and expansion of agricultural trade worldwide; and
WHEREAS,	Developing countries which may lack adequate resources to conduct risk assessments and establish standards but still seek to use science to expand agricultural productivity and improve trade opportunities will look to Codex for reference standards; and
WHEREAS,	The increasing use of non-science-based approaches and practices by some Codex members to introduce the precautionary principle into the Codex process will undermine the validity and credibility of Codex as a science-based international standard-setting body,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF strongly supports and urges the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Codex Office, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Trade Representative and the Department of State to take the most assertive role in defending the Codex as a science-based international standard-setting organization and resist efforts by some Codex members to transform Codex into an international organization that no longer bases its decisions on sound scientific arguments, risk assessments and principles.
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RESOLUTION #2006-5-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	May 26, 2006; extended May 27, 2011
TITLE:	Regionalization/Compartmentalization of Animal Diseases
WHEREAS,	Allowing the importation of animals and their products from areas considered posing a low disease or pest risk has been shown to pose a low risk to domestic production; and
WHEREAS,	Regionalization now is practiced by certain countries where there is an export market; and
WHEREAS,	Current APHIS risk analysis is science-based and transparent; and
WHEREAS,	Regionalization of animal diseases in the U.S. could prevent a total loss and/or long-term damage to our export markets,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF will support USDA efforts to seek international acceptance of the regionalization/compartmentalization of animal diseases and abide by international guidelines.
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RESOLUTION #2009-5-2	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	May 21, 2009
TITLE:	Market Access Expansion for U.S. Beef
WHEREAS,	For the past two years the U.S. government's policy was to pursue beef market access agreements that were fully OIE consistent; and
WHEREAS,	Political, technical and commercial conditions in many leading export markets preclude achieving fully OIE consistent agreements in the near term; and
WHEREAS,	The U.S. beef industry would benefit from incremental gains in market access if policies are in place to address sanctions related to non-conforming products; and
WHEREAS,	Due to political factors in key export markets and competitors, negotiations to achieve expanded market access must be initiated as soon as possible,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF will provide information and market intelligence for use by related industry associations to maintain pressure on relevant U.S. Government agencies to reach agreement on a new policy that will guide negotiations for expanded beef access consistent with the industry position as communicated to the U.S. government; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,	USMEF will provide information to related industry associations validating the extreme urgency for action by relevant U.S. Government agencies.
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RESOLUTION #2009-5-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	May 21, 2009
TITLE:	Science-Based Trade
WHEREAS,	Global meat trade continues to grow and it is critical to the financial success of U.S. agriculture; and
WHEREAS,	Global trade is facilitated by the recognition of international standards and guidelines that ensure human, animal and food safety; and
WHEREAS,	U.S. exports continue to face market disruptions that stem from unscientific policies put in place by governments of trading partners; and
WHEREAS,	U.S. exporters recognize that in some circumstances, U.S. import policies diverge from scientific principle; and
WHEREAS,	Situations where U.S. import policies exist that are considered to be unscientific result in difficulties in the ability to resolve export issues,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF strongly supports science-based trade policies for imports and for exports; and
LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,	USMEF, in cooperation with our membership, strongly supports related trade associations in requesting that the U.S. government adhere to the same science-based principles that we request our trading partners to recognize
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RESOLUTION #2008-11-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee
DATE:	Nov. 5, 2008
TITLE:	EU Carousel Retaliation
WHEREAS,	The EU has lost a second WTO case on its hormone ban; and
WHEREAS,	USTR has asked for comments on triggering carousel retaliation against the EU's hormone ban; and
WHEREAS,	Carousel retaliation would permit USTR to apply prohibitive duties to imports from targeted EU member states,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF supports triggering carousel retaliation as a means to increase exports of U.S. beef to the EU.
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RESOLUTION #2003-11-1	
SUBMITTED BY:	Exporter Committee/ Pork and Allied Industries Committee
DATE:	Nov. 7, 2003; extended Nov. 5, 2008
TITLE:	FTA Equivalency
WHEREAS,	FTAs are proliferating around the world, and important for advancing trade; and
WHEREAS,	Some FTAs propose tariff concessions on significant quantities of foreign pork; and
WHEREAS,	Lower tariffs on foreign pork into third-countries would put the U.S. pork industry and pork exporters at a price disadvantage vs. their foreign counterparts; and
WHEREAS,	Lower tariffs on pork products will stimulate increased pork imports and the triggering of pork safeguards,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,	USMEF will work with industry partners to ask the U.S. government to pursue FTA and multilateral negotiations that will assure that U.S. pork exports are allowed into foreign markets under conditions no less favorable than those granted to third countries.
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